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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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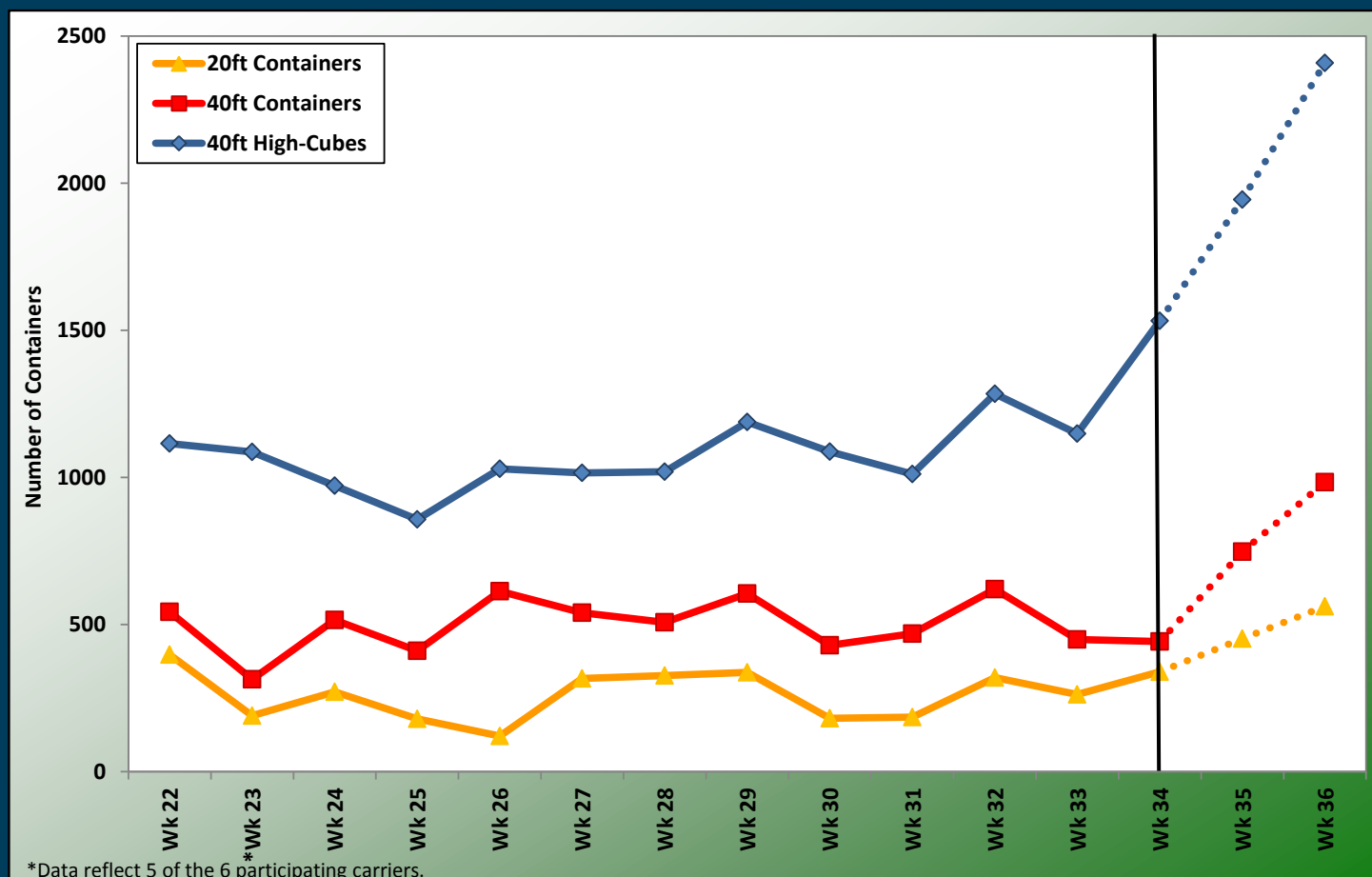
# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

## Historical Analysis of Memphis

Between July and September of 2013, Memphis moved more than 53,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, with cotton accounting for more than 52 percent of the volume. Grocery items followed at 15 percent and animal feed at 12 percent. During this period, more than 50 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 40ft containers. Agricultural exporters used the ocean carrier Yang Ming to move 18 percent of these products, followed by CMA-CGM and Maersk at 17 percent each. In 2013, agricultural exports were split almost evenly between East and West Coast departure ports. West Coast ports (Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Oakland) represented 56 percent of movements while East Coast ports (Savannah, Charleston, and Jacksonville) accounted for 42 percent.<sup>1</sup>

Over the past several weeks, container availability estimates for dry containers in Memphis have followed a similar pattern. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers remain the strongest of the reported container types. These estimates have been on a slight upward trend since the third week of June, probably due to the increase in import traffic as a result of the ongoing West Coast Longshore Labor Contract negotiations. This week's estimate leaped more than 380 units to total over 1,530 units; estimates haven't been that high since early April. This is probably in response to an influx of peak-season retail imports in preparation for back-to-school and seasonal sales. Over the past several weeks, estimates for 20ft containers averaged 264 units with a weekly low of 121 units and a high of 398 units. Estimates for 40ft containers averaged 497 units with a weekly low of 314 units and a high of 620 units. Estimates over the next 2 weeks are expected to increase for each of the dry container types, particularly 40ft high-cube containers.

### Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Memphis, 5th week of May (Wk 22) through 4th week of August (Wk 34), with Projections



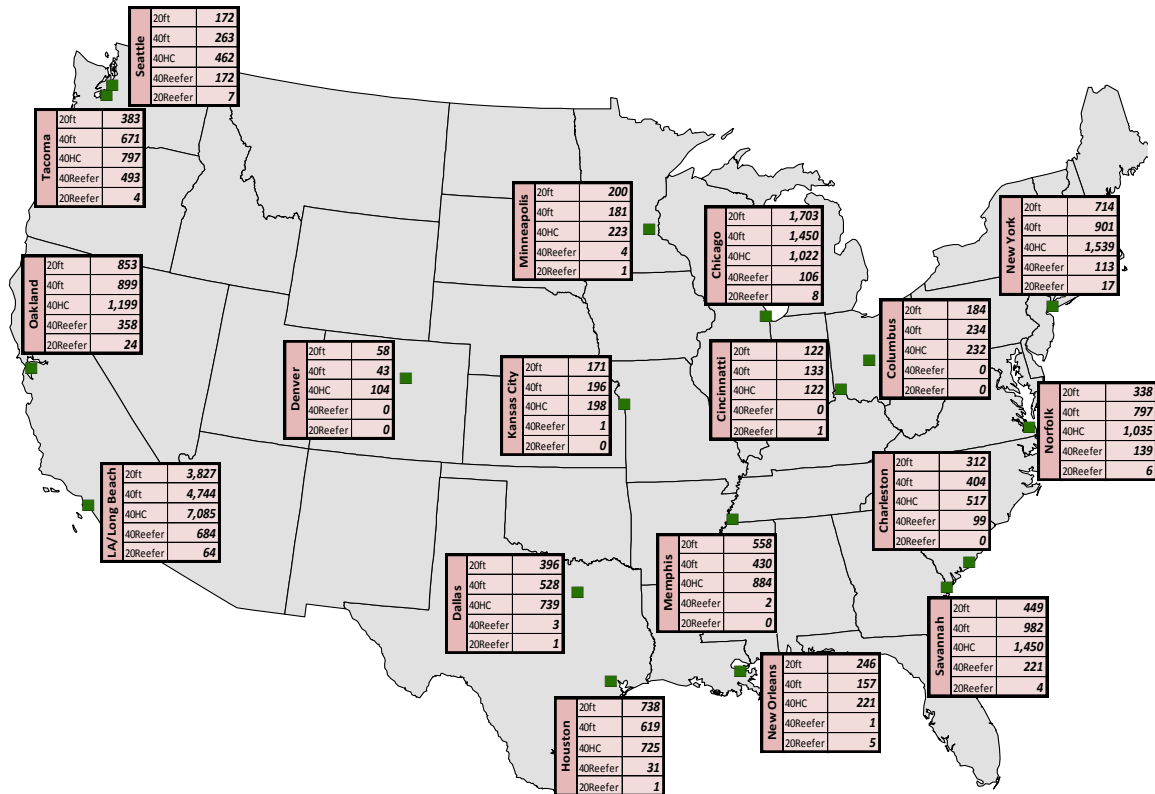
<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .

# National Overview

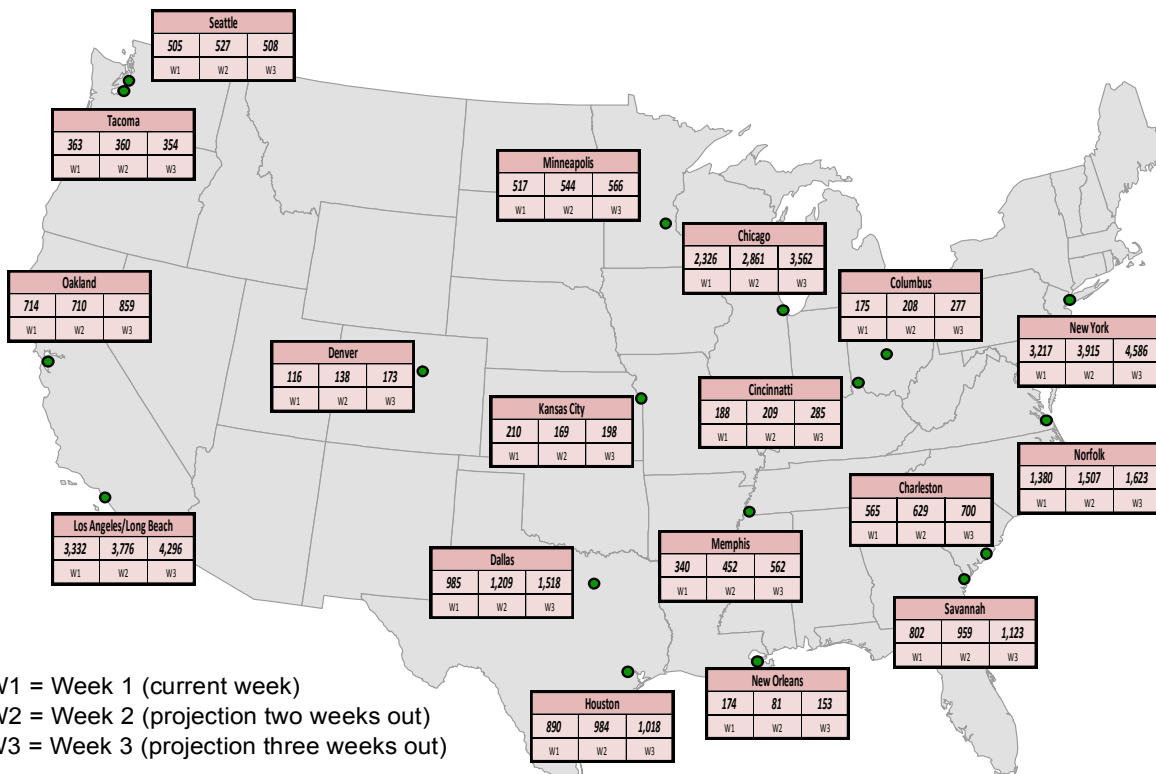
## Week of Aug 20-26, 2014



### Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



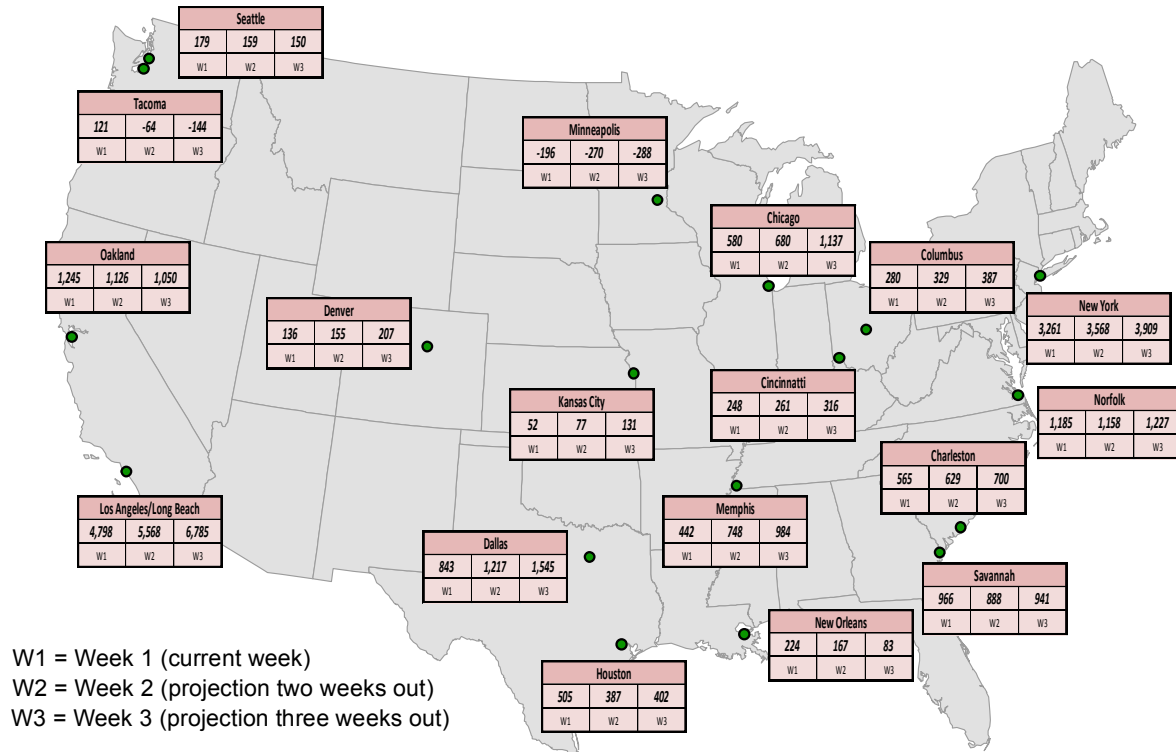
### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



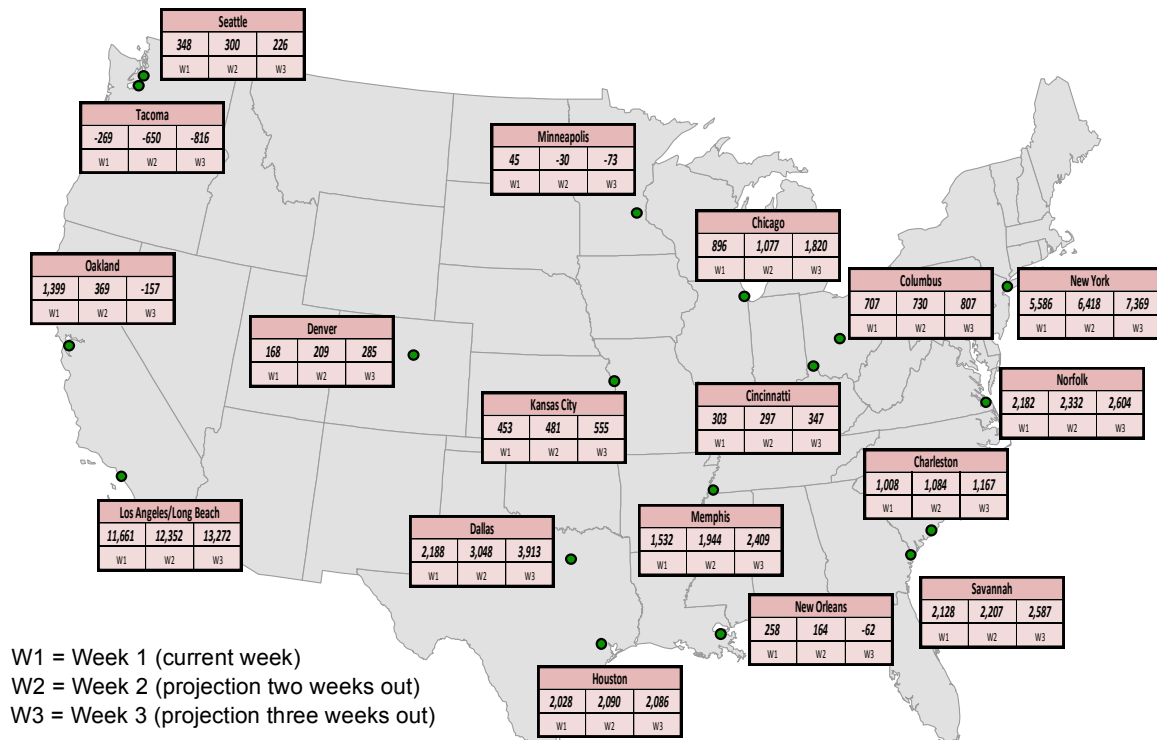
W1 = Week 1 (current week)  
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)  
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



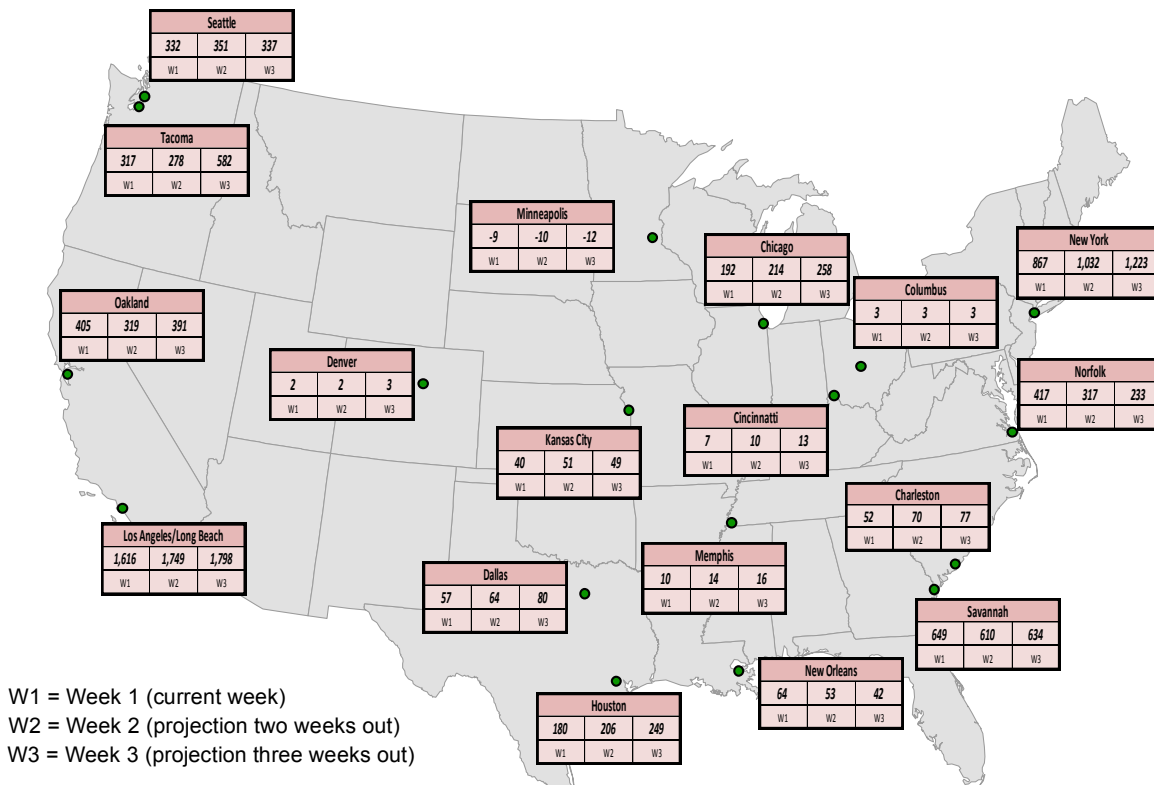


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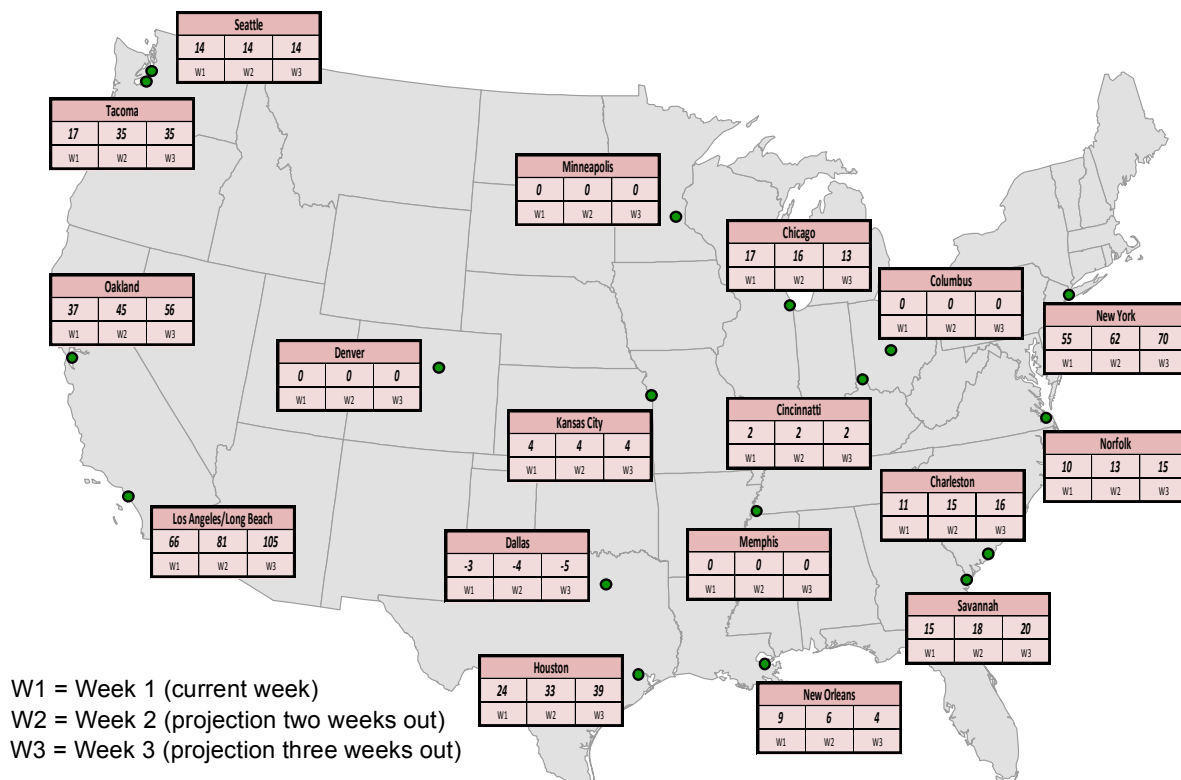
## Week of Aug 20-26, 2014



### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	179	146	82	63	60	35	.	.	.	.	565
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	183	173	82	75	65	51	.	.	.	.	629
Week 3: Sep 3-9	234	179	82	65	65	75	.	.	.	.	700
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	247	154	146	97	75	60	.	.	.	.	779
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	236	205	146	88	28	65	.	.	.	.	768
Week 3: Sep 3-9	260	262	146	90	11	65	.	.	.	.	834
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	346	260	159	82	81	80	.	.	.	.	1,008
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	416	260	185	50	93	80	.	.	.	.	1,084
Week 3: Sep 3-9	433	260	228	40	126	80	.	.	.	.	1,167
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	42	37	7	5	3	-42	.	.	.	.	52
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	50	46	4	5	0	-35	.	.	.	.	70
Week 3: Sep 3-9	54	55	4	5	0	-41	.	.	.	.	77
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	8	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	11	4	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Sep 3-9	11	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	1,371	300	273	212	203	-33	.	.	.	.	2,326
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,710	300	245	212	374	20	.	.	.	.	2,861
Week 3: Sep 3-9	2,089	300	515	212	424	22	.	.	.	.	3,562
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	368	274	176	125	37	-400	.	.	.	.	580
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	411	363	187	100	19	-400	.	.	.	.	680
Week 3: Sep 3-9	503	551	358	100	25	-400	.	.	.	.	1,137
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	739	408	319	100	30	-700	.	.	.	.	896
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	883	407	326	100	61	-700	.	.	.	.	1,077
Week 3: Sep 3-9	1,156	600	619	100	45	-700	.	.	.	.	1,820
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	145	37	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	192
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	164	40	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	214
Week 3: Sep 3-9	208	40	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	258
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	11	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	9	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Sep 3-9	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	53	52	28	22	18	15	.	.	.	.	188
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	69	51	46	22	7	14	.	.	.	.	209
Week 3: Sep 3-9	90	95	59	22	5	14	.	.	.	.	285
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	80	54	43	43	19	9	.	.	.	.	248
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	80	67	44	51	18	1	.	.	.	.	261
Week 3: Sep 3-9	80	82	69	63	18	4	.	.	.	.	316
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	236	45	10	9	6	-3	.	.	.	.	303
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	236	46	11	5	2	-3	.	.	.	.	297
Week 3: Sep 3-9	236	74	11	26	4	-4	.	.	.	.	347
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	6	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	9	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Sep 3-9	12	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 3-9	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	62	61	25	19	5	3	.	.	.	.	175
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	72	79	26	19	-2	14	.	.	.	.	208
Week 3: Sep 3-9	92	110	26	19	2	28	.	.	.	.	277
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	108	100	53	11	5	3	.	.	.	.	280
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	127	108	68	14	5	7	.	.	.	.	329
Week 3: Sep 3-9	152	132	80	14	5	4	.	.	.	.	387
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	386	132	95	50	40	4	.	.	.	.	707
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	386	152	115	50	29	-2	.	.	.	.	730
Week 3: Sep 3-9	386	196	138	50	38	-1	.	.	.	.	807
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Sep 3-9	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	398	305	106	97	70	9	.	.	.	.	985
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	560	353	79	137	70	10	.	.	.	.	1,209
Week 3: Sep 3-9	753	403	89	193	70	10	.	.	.	.	1,518
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	275	265	120	93	50	40	.	.	.	.	843
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	452	310	178	182	50	45	.	.	.	.	1,217
Week 3: Sep 3-9	661	300	258	231	50	45	.	.	.	.	1,545
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	490	476	462	380	230	150	.	.	.	.	2,188
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	867	710	472	619	230	150	.	.	.	.	3,048
Week 3: Sep 3-9	1,278	954	450	851	230	150	.	.	.	.	3,913
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	50	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	57
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	55	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64
Week 3: Sep 3-9	70	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Sep 3-9	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	71	19	11	7	5	3	.	.	.	.	116
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	92	17	18	1	5	5	.	.	.	.	138
Week 3: Sep 3-9	116	14	31	2	5	5	.	.	.	.	173
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	56	44	18	10	9	-1	.	.	.	.	136
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	82	44	16	8	8	-3	.	.	.	.	155
Week 3: Sep 3-9	107	44	15	8	35	-2	.	.	.	.	207
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	113	35	10	10	5	-5	.	.	.	.	168
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	140	28	10	11	10	10	.	.	.	.	209
Week 3: Sep 3-9	166	25	10	16	10	58	.	.	.	.	285
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Sep 3-9	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	454	400	52	50	-5	-61	.	.	.	.	890
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	466	400	79	50	19	-30	.	.	.	.	984
Week 3: Sep 3-9	463	400	97	50	14	-6	.	.	.	.	1,018
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	223	154	100	62	21	-55	.	.	.	.	505
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	282	154	50	45	14	-158	.	.	.	.	387
Week 3: Sep 3-9	345	154	50	79	12	-238	.	.	.	.	402
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	1,326	400	198	51	46	7	.	.	.	.	2,028
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,326	400	269	61	48	-14	.	.	.	.	2,090
Week 3: Sep 3-9	1,326	400	333	89	42	-104	.	.	.	.	2,086
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	123	45	10	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	180
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	135	61	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	206
Week 3: Sep 3-9	147	92	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	249
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	17	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	22	11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Sep 3-9	27	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	52	48	40	40	27	3	.	.	.	.	210
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	58	55	40	35	-20	1	.	.	.	.	169
Week 3: Sep 3-9	66	64	40	35	-7	0	.	.	.	.	198
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	51	30	12	7	2	-50	.	.	.	.	52
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	60	30	27	10	0	-50	.	.	.	.	77
Week 3: Sep 3-9	69	30	68	17	-3	-50	.	.	.	.	131
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	302	72	42	30	7	0	.	.	.	.	453
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	302	79	53	30	18	-1	.	.	.	.	481
Week 3: Sep 3-9	302	95	74	30	56	-2	.	.	.	.	555
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	28	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	37	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 3: Sep 3-9	33	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Sep 3-9	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	915	738	730	510	500	-61	.	.	.	.	3,332
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	874	942	730	818	450	-38	.	.	.	.	3,776
Week 3: Sep 3-9	893	1,185	730	995	450	43	.	.	.	.	4,296
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	1,241	1,200	800	782	673	102	.	.	.	.	4,798
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,849	1,000	800	726	996	197	.	.	.	.	5,568
Week 3: Sep 3-9	2,406	1,000	800	752	1,424	403	.	.	.	.	6,785
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	4,916	2,130	2,000	1,928	746	-59	.	.	.	.	11,661
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	4,916	2,129	1,800	2,809	696	2	.	.	.	.	12,352
Week 3: Sep 3-9	4,916	2,050	1,800	3,492	847	167	.	.	.	.	13,272
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	511	373	300	191	166	75	.	.	.	.	1,616
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	587	397	300	200	190	75	.	.	.	.	1,749
Week 3: Sep 3-9	590	496	300	209	128	75	.	.	.	.	1,798
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	28	28	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	66
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	29	42	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	81
Week 3: Sep 3-9	38	57	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	105

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	103	70	59	50	47	11	.	.	.	.	340
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	123	113	115	50	44	7	.	.	.	.	452
Week 3: Sep 3-9	160	147	152	50	44	9	.	.	.	.	562
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	150	131	91	49	28	-7	.	.	.	.	442
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	150	251	128	196	28	-5	.	.	.	.	748
Week 3: Sep 3-9	150	305	173	335	28	-7	.	.	.	.	984
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	624	454	231	150	84	-11	.	.	.	.	1,532
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	874	454	321	150	146	-1	.	.	.	.	1,944
Week 3: Sep 3-9	1,181	454	432	150	196	-4	.	.	.	.	2,409
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	11	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	15	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Sep 3-9	17	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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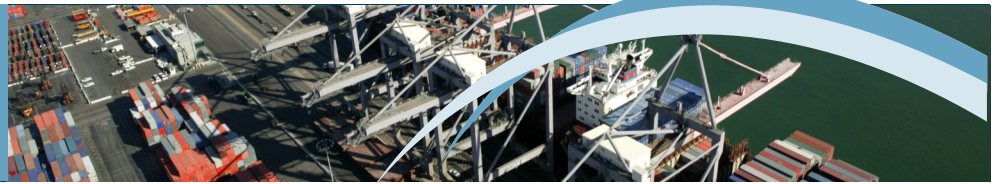
Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	296	130	82	13	0	-4	.	.	.	.	517
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	304	130	70	38	0	2	.	.	.	.	544
Week 3: Sep 3-9	308	130	84	39	0	5	.	.	.	.	566
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	46	12	0	-22	-76	-156	.	.	.	.	-196
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	41	-1	0	-31	-76	-203	.	.	.	.	-270
Week 3: Sep 3-9	78	-9	0	-28	-76	-253	.	.	.	.	-288
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	100	86	6	0	-41	-106	.	.	.	.	45
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	100	69	-7	0	-42	-150	.	.	.	.	-30
Week 3: Sep 3-9	100	76	-10	0	-48	-191	.	.	.	.	-73
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	0	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: Sep 3-9	0	-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-12
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Sep 3-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	126	17	13	11	8	-1	.	.	.	.	174
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	25	15	13	12	16	0	.	.	.	.	81
Week 3: Sep 3-9	98	12	13	12	17	1	.	.	.	.	153
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	137	30	29	20	8	0	.	.	.	.	224
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	86	30	19	20	13	-1	.	.	.	.	167
Week 3: Sep 3-9	34	30	7	20	-10	2	.	.	.	.	83
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	156	28	28	23	22	1	.	.	.	.	258
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	71	28	25	24	16	0	.	.	.	.	164
Week 3: Sep 3-9	-125	28	25	3	8	-1	.	.	.	.	-62
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	61	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	64
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	55	-2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 3: Sep 3-9	49	-7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Sep 3-9	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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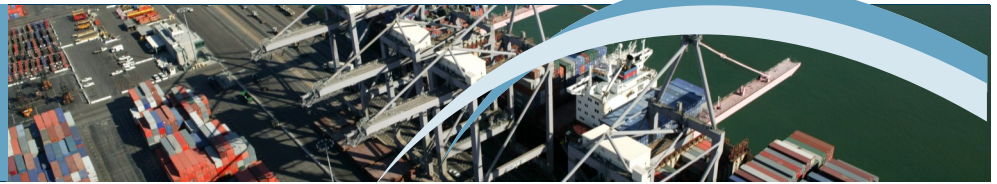


New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	822	800	755	435	275	130	.	.	.	.	3,217
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	1,126	850	755	588	282	314	.	.	.	.	3,915
Week 3: Sep 3-9	1,541	850	755	736	270	434	.	.	.	.	4,586
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	786	629	616	559	382	289	.	.	.	.	3,261
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	786	843	566	686	380	307	.	.	.	.	3,568
Week 3: Sep 3-9	786	1,146	549	750	380	298	.	.	.	.	3,909
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	2,192	972	797	700	525	400	.	.	.	.	5,586
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	2,192	1,352	967	992	515	400	.	.	.	.	6,418
Week 3: Sep 3-9	2,192	1,453	1,406	1,408	510	400	.	.	.	.	7,369
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	371	199	149	88	50	10	.	.	.	.	867
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	422	286	189	75	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,032
Week 3: Sep 3-9	507	380	232	44	50	10	.	.	.	.	1,223
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	46	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	55
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	51	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62
Week 3: Sep 3-9	56	5	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	70

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	434	401	233	194	98	20	.	.	.	.	1,380
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	496	399	266	213	98	35	.	.	.	.	1,507
Week 3: Sep 3-9	522	399	342	237	98	25	.	.	.	.	1,623
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	581	203	142	140	130	-11	.	.	.	.	1,185
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	632	184	145	140	59	-2	.	.	.	.	1,158
Week 3: Sep 3-9	650	206	145	140	94	-8	.	.	.	.	1,227
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	512	422	402	400	379	67	.	.	.	.	2,182
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	512	424	532	400	400	64	.	.	.	.	2,332
Week 3: Sep 3-9	512	494	600	400	543	55	.	.	.	.	2,604
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	203	159	30	10	9	6	.	.	.	.	417
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	154	125	30	10	7	-9	.	.	.	.	317
Week 3: Sep 3-9	109	85	30	10	1	-2	.	.	.	.	233
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	10	1	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	10	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Sep 3-9	10	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	240	201	113	63	57	40	.	.	.	.	714
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	280	175	113	83	19	40	.	.	.	.	710
Week 3: Sep 3-9	372	180	113	114	40	40	.	.	.	.	859
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	441	300	202	131	119	52	.	.	.	.	1,245
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	328	300	227	112	107	52	.	.	.	.	1,126
Week 3: Sep 3-9	235	300	239	114	110	52	.	.	.	.	1,050
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	422	361	250	219	147	0	.	.	.	.	1,399
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	422	-21	108	243	-383	0	.	.	.	.	369
Week 3: Sep 3-9	422	-156	115	200	-738	0	.	.	.	.	-157
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	167	150	123	30	-30	-35	.	.	.	.	405
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	125	150	105	30	-4	-87	.	.	.	.	319
Week 3: Sep 3-9	102	150	203	30	-19	-75	.	.	.	.	391
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	26	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	37
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	34	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Week 3: Sep 3-9	42	10	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	56

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	200	192	143	133	73	61	.	.	.	.	802
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	200	255	164	207	73	60	.	.	.	.	959
Week 3: Sep 3-9	200	353	191	248	73	58	.	.	.	.	1,123
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	495	300	201	116	-42	-104	.	.	.	.	966
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	414	300	289	116	-29	-202	.	.	.	.	888
Week 3: Sep 3-9	507	300	314	116	-32	-264	.	.	.	.	941
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	746	636	400	306	41	-1	.	.	.	.	2,128
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	847	636	400	315	30	-21	.	.	.	.	2,207
Week 3: Sep 3-9	1,144	636	400	325	35	47	.	.	.	.	2,587
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	260	154	150	54	21	10	.	.	.	.	649
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	224	175	150	54	-3	10	.	.	.	.	610
Week 3: Sep 3-9	249	191	150	54	-20	10	.	.	.	.	634
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	12	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	14	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Sep 3-9	16	3	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	250	182	86	-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	505
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	250	182	93	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	527
Week 3: Sep 3-9	250	182	57	19	.	.	.	.	.	.	508
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	110	61	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	179
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	110	65	-16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	159
Week 3: Sep 3-9	110	70	-30	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	150
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	258	104	0	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	348
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	258	93	0	-51	.	.	.	.	.	.	300
Week 3: Sep 3-9	258	51	0	-83	.	.	.	.	.	.	226
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	199	100	20	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	332
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	230	100	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	351
Week 3: Sep 3-9	215	100	20	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	337
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Sep 3-9	13	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	189	57	57	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	363
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	177	80	43	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	360
Week 3: Sep 3-9	169	75	50	50	10	.	.	.	.	.	354
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	93	48	1	-4	-17	.	.	.	.	.	121
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	-54	50	1	-40	-21	.	.	.	.	.	-64
Week 3: Sep 3-9	-139	50	1	-32	-24	.	.	.	.	.	-144
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	20	5	0	-87	-207	.	.	.	.	.	-269
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	20	-165	0	-355	-150	.	.	.	.	.	-650
Week 3: Sep 3-9	20	-262	0	-419	-155	.	.	.	.	.	-816
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	272	136	80	5	-176	.	.	.	.	.	317
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	241	131	80	5	-179	.	.	.	.	.	278
Week 3: Sep 3-9	238	103	80	5	156	.	.	.	.	.	582
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week Aug 20-26	16	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 2: Aug 27-Sep 2	34	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 3: Sep 3-9	34	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

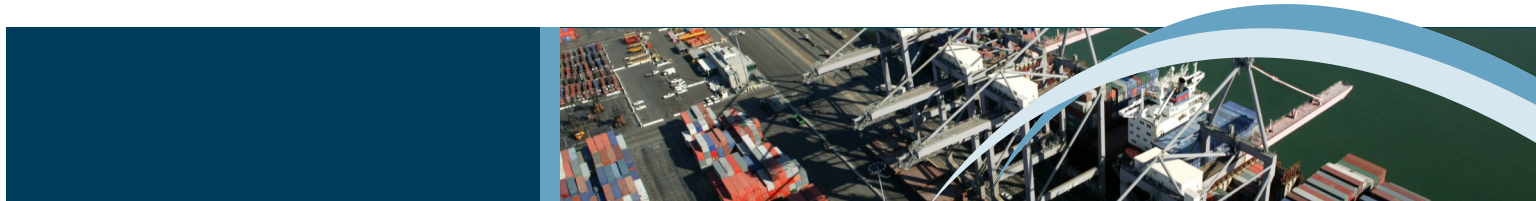
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## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
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- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
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  - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
  - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
  - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
  - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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  - Chassis: A wheeled frame to which a shipping container can be locked for storage or movement. (Plural chassis)



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